(c) what the reasons are for not completing all the works till now; and

(d) whether it is a fact that in proposing the increased rate of land revenue, the cost of these drainage works was also included?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has not yet been received.

(*d*) No.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that during the last settlement the land revenue rates were excessively charged for drainage purposes, etc., in Guntur district? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The answer is given in clause (*d*) of the answer."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Sir, it was clearly stated in the Settlement Report that the increased rate was for the drainage works also."

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" We are not able to trace such a statement in the Settlement Report."

Security deposits for provision of pipe sluices from the ryots in the Kistna delta.

* 588 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that security deposits are demanded by Public Works Department officers for providing pipe sluices from ryots in the Kistna delta;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that even on the payment of security deposits the ryots are asked to get their own pipes at their cost and fix them for the irrigation of the lands; and

(*c*) whether there are any standing orders governing the fixing up of pipe sluices for the irrigation of lands?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have not the information but they have called for a report.

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—" May I ask the hon. Member to place a copy of the report when it is received on the table of the House? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered on receipt of the report."

Land Revenue Administration

Attachment and sale of lands in South Kanara for arrears of land revenue.

* 589 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of defaulters whose lands were attached and the number of defaulters whose lands were sold for realizing the land revenue arrears of fasli 1342 in South Kanara;

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(b) the extent of land attached and the extent of land sold for realizing the said arrears; and

(c) the amount realized by such sales and the amount still remaining uncollected?

A.—(a) The number of defaulters whose lands were attached is 1,650. The number of defaulters whose lands were sold is 172.

(b) The extent attached is 2,953 acres of dry and 2,971 acres of wet land. The extent sold is 400 acres of dry land and 242 acres of wet land.

(c) The amount realized by such sales is Rs. 12,569. The Government have no information whether any portion of amount for the recovery of which land was sold still remains to be collected.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I ask whether the Government are aware of the price per acre of wet and dry land in South Kanara?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

Electricity

Progress of the Mettur Hydro-Electric Scheme.

* 590 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the Hydro-electric scheme at Mettur is;

(b) to what places supply of current is to be made from there;

(c) when this scheme is likely to be completed and linked up; and

(d) what the charges which the Government propose to levy for the current to be supplied from this scheme are?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 368 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th November 1933. The position remains unchanged since that answer was given.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the position remains unchanged since November last and during the last four months nothing was done?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I am sure that the Chief Engineer for Electricity is engaged in the preparation of detailed plans and estimates."

Arms and Ammunition

Stoppage of issue of renewal licences for automatic firearms.

* 591 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders have been issued to the District Magistrates not to grant renewals of licences for automatic firearms; and

(b) if so, the reasons for issuing such orders?